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1. CHINA

PRC ANNOUNCES NIXON AND WIFE HAVE ACCEPTED "WITH PLEASURE"
CHINESE INVITATION VISIT PEKING FEB 21, FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THEIR FIRST VISIT (REUTER HK). ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS
NIXON'S HISTORIC 1972 PRC VISIT "PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT
ROLE IN IMPROVING SINO-US RELATIONS." ADDS THAT BOTH
CHINESE AND NIXON "CONSIDER THAT A REVISIT TO CHINA BY
HIM WILL BE APPROPRIATE."

PRC FORMINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAYS DOCUMENT PUBLISHED LAST
MONTH IN JAPANESE NEWSPAPER, PURPORTING TO BE CHOU
EN-LAI'S POLITICAL WILL, WAS "GROUNDLESS FABRICATION.;"
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ACCORDING JAPANESE PAPER, WILL HAD BEEN INTENDED FOR

DISTRIBUTION AMONG MEMBERS CCP CENTRAL CMTE. SINOLOGISTS IN PEKING GENERALLY CAST DOUBT ON ITS AUTHENTICITY, SAYING WOULD HAVE BEEN UNCHARACTERISTIC FOR CHOU LEAVE PERSONAL POLITICAL STATEMENT BEHIND (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA CITES, AS "BREAKTHROUGH IN MEDICAL SCIENCE THAT WOULD BE OF VALUE TO MANY;" OPERATION IN WHICH CHINESE

SURGEONS REPLACED INJURED MUSCLE IN WORKER'S LEFT FOREARM WITH MUSCLE TRANSPLANTED FROM HIS ABDOMEN -- RESTORING USE OF FOREARM (AP TOKYO FEB 4).

REUTER (TAIPEI) REPORTS THREE YOUNG MEN, 16-YR-OLD, HAVE BEEN EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD FOR ARMED ROBBERY, BRINGING TO 11 NUMBER EXECUTED IN ROC PAST TWO WEEKS. REFLECTS TAIPEI'S ALARM AT SHARP RISE VIOLENCE LATE LAST YEAR, WHICH SAW CABINET RULING THAT ALL SERIOUS CRIMES BE TRIED BY MIL COURTS.

2. JAPAN

ALL PAPERS FRIDAY FOLLOW UP CHURCH CMTE DISCLOSURES LOCKHEED MADE PAYMENTS OF 22 MILLION DOLS TO SELL PLANES IN JAPAN, ITALY, FRG, SWITZERLAND.

SUN (TOKYO) SAYS DISCLOSURE "EXPLODED INTO BIGGEST POLITICAL ISSUE IN MONTHS," AS CHARGES, DENIALS OF WRONGDOING FLEW EVERYWHERE. PRESS, TV GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE. GOJ ON "DEFENSIVE"; JSP VOWS "ALL-OUT EFFORT" EMBARRASS MIKI GOVT.

MIKI SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY GOJ WOULD "THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE" REPORTS LOCKHEED PAID KODAMA SEVEN MILLION DOLS; DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT, PENDING RECEIPT FULL REPORT FROM EMBASSY WASHINGTON (AP PHINQ, NYT, SUN, WP, WSJ; BALTO N-A, GLOBE, JOC).

JSP SPOKESMAN IN DIET DEMANDED ALL GOJ, AIRLINE OFFICIALS WHO TOOK PAYMENTS BE IDENTIFIED. TETSU UEDA SAID JSP MIGHT SEND TEAM TO US, TO QUESTION LOCKHEED OFFICIALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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CHURCH CMTE STAFFERS (SAAR, WP).

SPOKESMAN SAID MARUBENI-IIDA, LOCKHEED AGENT IN TRI-STAR SALE, SENT EXEC TO WASHINGTON TO GET FACTS ON CMTE REPORT (REUTER TOKYO).

AMB HODGSON, FORMER SENIOR VP AT LOCKHEED, DENIED, IN NAGOYA, ANY INVOLVEMENT OR KNOWLEDGE OF PAYMENTS. SAID

AUDITOR'S TESTIMONY IN HEARING EXONERATED HIM, "SUMMARIZED THE POSITION PRECISELY." BUT 28-YEAR CAREER AT LOCKHEED EXPECTED BECOME "NEW HADICAP" IN PRESENT ROLE AS AMB (SAAR).

SAAR ALSO NOTES AMEMBASSY CONCERN THAT DISCLOSURES COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT US-JAPAN RELATIONS, IT LOCKHEED PAYMENTS VIEWED AS INTERFERENCE IN JAPANESE AFFAIRS.

LOCKHEED SOLD TOTAL OF ABOUT 800 MILLION DOLS WORTH PLANES IN JAPAN OVER PAST 15 YEARS, INCLUDING 230 F-104S AND TRAINERS FOR 320 MILLION DOLS, 48 P2V-7 ASW PLANES FOR 106.6 MILLION DOLS, AND 21 TRI-STAR AIRBUSES IN 1972, FOR 379 MILLION DOLS (NYT, SUN, WSJ, WP).

RECALLED THAT DOMESTIC AIRLINE, ALL JAPAN AIRWAYS, PLACED ORDER FOR 21 TRI-STARS IN 1972, AFTER MEETING BETWEEN NIXON, TANAKA (REUTER, TOKYO).

KODAMA, KEY FIGURE IN CASE, SAID AILING, OUT OF TOWN BY AIDES, WHO BARRED GATES OF TOKYO SUBURBAN HOME TO PRESS (SUN). IN "SUGAMO DIARY", ABOUT EXPERIENCE IN PRISON AS WAR-CRIMINAL, KODAMA ASSERTED HE "STRAIGHTENED OUT" JET FIGHTER PROCUREMENT AFFAIR IN LATE 50'S BY PRESS-ING THEN PM KISHI. SUBSEQUENTLY, JASDF BOUGHT F-104S (NYT). KODAMA SAID PUBLICLY, SOME TIME AGO, RETURNED FROM CHINA AFTER WAR WITH MILLIONS OF DOLS IN CASH, PLATINUM, THAT FINANCED HIS ACQUISITION OF POLITICAL INFLUENCE (SUN, NYT). BECAME FRIEND OF KISHI WHEN BOTH IMPRISONED IN SUGAMO (NYT).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS, AT VERY LEAST, DISCLOSURES MAKE UNLIKELY GOJ CAN IMPORT LOCKHEED P-3 ORION ASW PLANE UNCLASSIFIED

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IN FUTURE. AND IF DISCLOSED THAT KODAMA CHanneled FUNDS TO INFLUENTIAL LDP MEMBERS, COULD BRING DOWN MIKI GOVT.

LAT (2/5) NOTES SECSTATE EARLIER FILED STATEMENT WITH FEDL DISTRICT COURT IN LA, EXPRESSING CONCERN POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE NAMES FOREIGN GOVT OFFICIALS WHO RECEIVED MONEY FROM LOCKHEED, IN SEC PROBE, ON GROUNDS COULD DAMAGE US FOREIGN RELATIONS. COURT RULED FIRM SHOULD PROVIDE INFO, BUT SEC SHOULD KEEP SECRET.

FEDERAL RESERVE ISSUES PERMIT FOR BANK OF TOKYO ESTABLISH BRANCH, TOKYO BANCORP INTL, IN HOUSTON; MOF APPROVAL STILL NEEDED (JOC).

CORPORATE BANKRUPTCIES TOTALED 1,078 IN JANUARY, RECORD FOR MONTH, BUT DOWN 28 PCT FROM DECEMBER (WSJ, TOKYO).

SHIPBUILDERS NOW SAY YARDS LIKELY OPERATE AT RATE CONSIDERABLY ABOVE EARLIER ESTIMATES, DUE RECENT DRASTIC INCREASE NEW ORDERS (JOC, TOKYO).

CHITRIB RUNS UPI PHOTO OF MINISTER NISHIDA ON GARDEN TRACTOR AT MASSEY-FERGUSON PLANT, DES MOINES.

SATURDAY, FOR EXTENDED TALKS ON MULTI-MILLION DOL JOINT PROJECT GROW SOYBEANS, CORN IN CENTRAL BRAZIL.

3. SOUTH KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN REPORTS SK CALM AS CURBS CONTINUE. NOTES PARK'S OACKERS SAY REGIME MORE WIDELY ACCEPTED, OR PEOPLE RESIGNED TO IT; OPPONENTS ARGUE NOTHING CHANGED, SILENCE ENFORCED, DESIRE LIFT OPPRESSION STRONG AS EVER. ADDS RUNNING SKIRMISH BETWEEN GOVT, THOSE DEMANDING RESTORATION HUMAN RIGHTS CONTINUES OUT OF PUBLIC EYE. SAYS FEAR OF NK ATTACK WANING, INFLUENTIAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY RESUMING EFFORTS AGAINST REPRESSION. NOTES ARRESTS UP OF STUDENTS, CHRISTIANS, NEWSMEN, OTHER CRITICS. QUOTES REPORT ARRESTED INCLUDE FOLLOWERS POET KIM CHI HA, STUDENT WHO MET REP FRASER LAST SPRING, UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHERS. STATES OPPONENTS SAY SK TORTURE RESUMED (IN WIRELESS FILE).

SK CONFIRMS URANIUM DEPOSITS FOUND, GOVT CONTINUES EXPLORE CENTRAL AREA BELIEVED RICH IN MINERAL. GROK INTENDS SPEND 84 MILLION DOLS DOMESTIC FUNDS, 20 MILLION UNDP MONEY TO EXPLORE URANIUM, OIL DEPOSITIS BY 1981 (UPI, JOC).

4. INDOCHINA

JAPAN PREPARES SEND 7-MAN TEAM GOVT, BUSINESS REPS, TO HANOI IN NEAR FUTURE TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR JOINT COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OFF-SHORE OIL SOUTH OF MEKONG DELTA. IF NEGOTIATIONS GO WELL, JAPANESE OIL COMPANIES EXPECTED REPLACE INTL FIRMS THAT HAD CONCESSIONS BEFORE FALL SVN. HANOI TOLD JAPANESE THAT PREVIOUS CONCESSIONS INVALID, WOULD GIVE PROGRAM TOP PRIORITY, WOULD ASK NEITHER PRC NOR USSR JOIN SCHEME, THOUGH FRENCH MAY ALSO PLAY ROLE IN OIL DEVELOPMENT. GOJ UNDERSTOOD IN CONTACT WITH FRENCH ON ISSUE. TOKYO OIL EXPERTS SEE FEW OBSTACLES IN DEVELOPMENT MEKONG

DELTA OIL. HANOI OFFICIALS COUNT ON PROJECT PROVIDE CRUDE FOR LOCAL REQUIREMENTS, EXPORT TO ASSIST ECON RECOVERY (JOC).

5. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

DOS PROPOSES ADMIT FURTHER 11,000 INTO US WITHOUT REOPENING CAMPS. TELLS CONGRESSIONAL SUBCMTE SPONSORSHIP TO BE ARRANGED FIRST. INS SAYS OVER 9000 CONSIDERED HIGH-RISK CATEGORY WHO WOULD BE IN DANGER IF RETURNED HOME (REUTER WASHINGTON).

AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION SPONSORS TET PARTY FOR VIET REFUGEES IN SENATE JUDICIARY CMTE HEARING ROOM (CHEN, WSTAR 2/5; MITCHELL, WP). ATTENDED BY EX-AMBS DURBROW, BUNKER, PHUNG; RET ADM MCCAIN; EX-INFO MINISTER LINH; SENS HARRY BYRD, WM SCOTT, HELMS, FONG. PARTY MORE LIKE WAKE FOR BELOVED FRIEND (CHEN). BUNKER CITES 2 LESSONS OF WAR: CAN'T WIN WITHOUT POPULAR SUPPORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN'T SUCCEED WITH LIMITED WAR IF ENEMY COMPLETELY COMMITTED (MITCHELL).

6. THAILAND

COURT SENTENCES COLUMNIST TO 3 YRS FOR CRITICIZING QUEEN; EDITOR GETS 14 MOS FOR PUBLISHING COLUMN. NEWSMAN HAD KNOCKED QUEEN'S SPEECH TO POLICE CADET CLASS AS ATTEMPT SEPARATE THAI PEOPLE INTO CLASSES, WIDEN GAP BETWEEN RICH, POOR (AP, NYT).

7. PHILIPPINES

PLO AT MANILA PLANNING MEETING 3RD WORLD MEMBERS APPEALS FOR MORAL, POL, ECON SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS (WP).

MOSLEM REBELS IN S PHILS KILL 45 SOLDIERS, 36 CIVILIANS IN SERIES CLASHES (REUTER MANILA).

8. MALAYSIA

POLICE ARREST 383 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS, SUPPORTERS OVER PAST FEW MOS (AP, NYDN).

9. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSSIE BANK SAYS RECESSION BOTTOMED, INFLATION UNDER CONTROL, OUTLOOK FOR ECONOMY IMPROVED (JOC).

UN SEC GEN LEAVES NZ FOR FIJI AT END 3-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT
(REUTER AUCKLAND).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. JAPAN

GLOBE BELIEVES LOCKHEED SHOULD BE BROUGHT FIRMLY TO TASK
FOR "COLOSSAL ARROGANCE" ITS DEALINGS OVERSEAS, INCLUDING
7 MILLION DOL BRIBE JAPANESE ULTRA-RIGHTIST. NOTES
US LONG TRYING DISCOURAGE ATTEMPTS REVIVE JAPANESE
MILITARISM, WHILE FIRM PUMPS MILLIONS INTO HANDS POWERFUL
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NEO-MILITARIST. OPINES LOCKHEED'S INTRIGUES IN JAPAN
AMPLE EVIDENCE JUDGMENT SADLY LACKING SENSE OF LIMITS,
ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY.

NYT (2/5) APPLAUDS SENATE COMPROMISE EXTENSION FISHING
RIGHTS TO 200 MILES. BELIEVES GIVES LOS CONFERENCE
3RD, PERHAPS 4TH, CHANCE REACH AGREEMENT. HOPES COM-
PROMISE WILL ADOPT SENATE EFFECTIVE DATE JULY, 1977,
INSTEAD HOUSE DATE JULY, 1976.

WSJ'S MCDOWELL REVIEWS TOKYO ROSE CASE AT LENGTH, BELIEVES
SHE MAY HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY SINGLED OUT, WRONGLY CONVICTED.

11. SOUTH KOREA

LAT (2/5) WONDERS WHAT GUIDELINES AGREED TO BY NUCLEAR
EXPORTING NATIONS INVOLVE, HOW WILL BE ENFORCED, WHY
BEING KEPT SECRET. BELIEVES URGENCY PROBLEM DEMONSTRATED
BY FRENCH EFFORT SELL SK REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT, TECH-
NOLOGY. NOTES US PRESSURE ON SEOUL SCOTCHED SALE, BUT
IF HAD TAKEN PLACE, SK WOULD HAVE BEEN ON WAY TOWARD
BEING ABLE MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. CONSIDERS SUCH AD HOC
APPROACHES UNRELIABLE, INADEQUATE CURB ON NUKE SPREAD.
OPINES IF SECRET AGREEMENT IMPOSES EFFECTIVE CONTROLS,
PROGRESS WILL HAVE BEEN MADE; IF NOT, WORLD CONTINUES
FACE NEED URGENT ACTION REDUCE THREAT NUKE WEAPONS
PROLIFERATION.

12. CHINA

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN PEKING, SAYS NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PENDING NIXON VISIT "TOOK PEKING BY TOTAL SURPRISE."
OBSERVES HAD BEEN GENERALLY ASSUMED NIXON WOULD WAIT
UNTIL AFTER US ELECTION BEFORE TAKING UP CHAIRMAN MAO'S
PERSONAL INVITATION. SAYS USLO REPORTS IT HAD BEEN GIVEN
NO FOREWARNING OF TRIP--IT'S THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD,"

SPOKESMAN TOLD REUTER. SAYS OBSERVERS FEEL INCIDENT SHOWS THAT DESPITE WATERGATE SCANDALS, PRC RETAINS HUGE RESPECT FOR NIXON ROLE IN RESTORING SINO-US RELATIONS.

ROGERS NOTES PEKING STATEMENT DID NOT REVEAL HOW LONG
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NIXONS WOULD STAY, BUT DID MAKE CLEAR WOULD COME AS PRC GUEST. SEES THIS RAISING "INTRIGUING INTERNAL QUESTION FOR CHINA" FOLLOWING CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH: WHO WILL GREET NIXON THIS TIME? POINTS OUT NEW PREMIER NOT YET NAMED. THINKS THAT, AS IN CASE OF RECENT JULIE EISENHOWER VISIT, NIXON "WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY" HAVE AUDIENCE WITH MAO. CITES INFORMED SOURCES THAT CHINESE PLANNING SEND OWN AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT NIXON.

PRC PRESS SAID FRIDAY THAT SMALL GROUP IN POSITIONS OF POWER IS OPPOSING MAO POLICIES, TRYING CHANGE COUNTRY. PEOPLE'S DAILY FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE CALLS GROUP "CAPITALIST ROADERS," BUT FAILS IDENTIFY MEMBERS BEYOND LABELING THEM LIU SHAO-CHI FOLLOWERS. REUTERS' ROGERS (PEKING) OBSERVES ATTACK CAME AS PREPARATIONS WENT AHEAD FOR TOP-LEVEL PARTY, STATE MEETINGS EXPECTED CHOOSE NEW PREMIER. REPORTS EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS SAY ARTICLE REFLECTS HEATED DEBATE WITHIN LEADERSHIP AND DETERMINED MAOIST EFFORT STOP PRC SLIPPING INTO SOVIET-STYLE REVISIONISM. ARTICLE DEALT OBSTENSIBLY WITH CONTROVERSY OVER HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY, BUT DEVELOPED INTO GENERAL ASSAULT ON SO-CALLED MAOISM OPPONENTS.

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK (FEB 5), SEES PEKING CONTEMPLATING WITH MUCH SATISFACTION "STUNNING SUCCESS" FIRST PHASE ITS ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY OF "ANTIHEGEMONISM"--AIMED AT BLOCKING SOVIET EXPANSIONISM--WHICH "HAS VIRTUALLY SWEEPED ASIA," EXCEPT FOR SINGAPORE/INDONESIA. CONTENTS THAT FORCING INDUSTRIAL JAPAN TO FORMALIZE OPPOSITION HEGEMONISM IS BEYOND DOUBT MAJOR PRC VICTORY, SINCE IT NOT ONLY IMPLICITLY MAKES JAPANESE MEMBERS INFORMAL ALLIANCE PEKING BUILDING AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSION IN ASIA, BUT WILL ALSO STRENGTHEN SINO-US "QUASIALLIANCE."

ELEGANT SEES CHINESE NOW FACING FORMIDABLE TASK OF TRANSLATING ANTIHEGEMONISM FROM WORDS INTO ACTION. THEY FEAR SOVIET WILL ESTABLISH SUCH PREPONDERANT POSITION THROUGHOUT WORLD AS TO THREATEN THEM WITH POL/ECON ENCIRCLEMENT; THUS, STRENGTH OF US MIL ESTABLISHMENT AND US DETERMINATION RESIST SOVIET EXPANSION OF IMMENSE IMPORTANCE TO PEKING. SEES PRC "PLAYING-ITS FEW CARDS WELL," BUT MOST
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PUZZLING ASPECT PRC FOREIGN POLICY IS ITS SEA ACTIVITIES, WHERE CHINESE-INSPIRED GUERRILLAS HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE. SUGGESTS POSSIBLE PEKING WISHES MAINTAIN WHATEVER MIL PRESENCE POSSIBLE IN SEA, AND GUERRILLA FORCES AT PRESENT ARE ITS OWN VIABLE EXPEDIENT.

CSM'S UNGER CITES UPCOMING TV SPECIALS ABOUT PRC ARTIFACTS ON CBS (SUNDAY), PBS (MONDAY). LAUDS CBS SHOW ("THE RED FLOWER AND THE GREEN HORSES") AS "UTTERLY SIMPLE, NON-NONSENSE PRESENTATION" OF "REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING" CHINESE ART. BUT WHILE CBS "DESERVES GRATITUDE" FOR RESISTING IMPULSE "TO PAINT STILL ANOTHER FLOWER ON THE COOKING POT," SAME CANNOT BE SAID FOR PBS' "600 MILLENNIA," WHICH HAS BEEN "ENHANCED" WITH HISTORY OF CHINA, HARANGUE ON CURRENT SINO-US RELATIONS, SPECTATORS' COMMENTS, ETC.

STLP-D'S DUDMAN NOTES US-ROC TIES PERSIST FIVE YEARS AFTER BEGINNING "PING-PONG DIPLOMACY" WITH PEKING. SAYS SOME ANALYSTS QUESTION WHETHER US REALLY INTENDS BREAK WITH TAIPEI, EXCHANGE ENVOYS WITH PRC. BUT CITES INSISTENCE US OFFICIALS THAT US REMAINS FULLY COMMITTED TO NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING, THAT ONLY QUESTIONS OF HOW AND WHEN REMAIN OPEN. FINDS RECURRENT SUGGESTION IN WASHINGTON THAT ANSWERS MAY DEPEND ON WHO ELECTED PRESIDENT. OBSERVES CONTINUING EXPANSION RELATIONS WITH ROC: FIVE NEW CONSULATES--WHICH OFFICIALS QUOTE HAK AS EXPLAINING WERE "JUST A SNAFU"; US-ROC TRADE MOVING STEADILY UPWARD, WHILE US-PRC TRADE DROPPED LAST YEAR--BUT US OFFICIALS SEE NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. US OFFICIALS INSIST SUCH DECISIONS AS FORD MOTOR CO MOVE TO BEGIN MANUFACTURING AUTOS IN TAIWAN ARE PURELY PRIVATE DECISIONS; SENDING ROCKEFELLER TO CKS FUNERAL EXPLAINED BY US OFFICIALS AS INTENDED BE SYMBOLIC, IMPORTANT. CITES OFFICIALS SAYING US POLICY INTENDED AVOID "BAD SCENARIO" WHEN NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH PEKING EVENTUALLY TAKES PLACE. THEY EXPLAIN THAT DEMORALIZATION, DOWNWARD SPIRAL IN TAIWAN WOULD CONFRONT BOTH PEKING, US, WITH DIFFICULT CHOICES, COULD LEAD TAIWAN LEADERS TO RASH ACTIONS, SUCH AS DECLARING INDEPENDENCE--AND BELIEVED IN US THAT PEKING WOULD NOT STAND FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

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DUDMAN SAYS SOME OFFICIALS, OTHER CHINA SPECIALISTS OUTSIDE GOVT, BELIEVE FORD ADMIN WAS CLOSE TO NORMALIZATION DECISION IN LATE 1974, BUT DECISION MADE TO DELAY IT FOR

DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, AND BECAUSE OF DEFEAT
US-BACKED INDOCHINA GOVTS. AS THESE DEFEATS RECEDE INTO
HISTORY, COMPLETION NORMALIZATION BEGINS SEEM FEASIBLE
ONCE MORE.

WSJ'S HARTLEY, IN SUNG SHAN TSEN, TAIWAN, FINDS PEOPLE
CLEARLY WARM UP TO CCK MORE THAN THEY EVER COULD TO CKS,
WITH PRESENT PREMIER EMERGING FROM FATHER'S OVERPOWERING
SHADOW AND CREATING SOMETHING OF OWN PERSONALITY CULT.
FINDS ATTITUDE ON ISLAND IS THAT IF ABANDONED BY US,

TAIWAN WILL JUST GO IT ALONE, WITH "JOVIAL UNCLE"
CCK LEADING WAY IN TAIWAN FUTURE. SELF-RELIANCE IS THEME
OF GROC TALK TO OUTSIDERS THESE DAYS. US POLICY APPEARS
SET ON COURSE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY END MUTUAL DEFENSE
TREATY, AND IDEALLY, US WOULD LIKE TALK POLICY MATTERS
OVER WITH TAIPEI, BUT CCK STRESSES HAS NO INTENTION DOING
SUCH THING. FEELS US WOULD RETAIN ECON LINKS WITH TAIWAN,
TRY GUARANTEE ITS WELL-BEING, PERHAPS THROUGH STATEMENT
ABOUT STRONG US OBJECTIONS TO ANY MIL TAKE-OVER ATTEMPT.
BUT ROC BELIEVES IT HAS BREATHER OF AT LEAST YEAR, IS
CONVINCED US WON'T RECOGNIZE PEKING IN ELECTION YEAR.
MEANWHILE, IS BUSILY TRYING INFLUENCE US OPINION AGAINST
CHANGE, FEELS CAN BUILD UP SUPPORT IN CONGRESS, AND CCK
SEEING MORE US JOURNALISTS LATELY TO GET VIEWS ACROSS.

HARTLEY SAYS ROC MAINLY ARGUES TO US THAT WOULD BE
UNFEELING TO DUMP OLD ALLY, GO BACK ON ITS WORD ON
DEFENSE, GIVE UP ASIA MIL BASE RIGHTS. BUT IF US DOES
PULL OUT, FEW ON ISLAND DOUBT COUNTRY'S ABILITY SURVIVE,
AT LEAST SHORT OF UNLIKELY MASSIVE PRC ATTACK.

CSM'S ARMBRUSTER, IN TAIPEI, REPORTS GOVT HAS BANNED
CONTROVERSIAL POL MAG, "TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW," AFTER
FIVE MONTHS PUBLICATION--INDICATING IT WILL NOT TOLERATE
DISSENT BEYOND CERTAIN BOUNDS, DESPITE PREVIOUS INDI-
CATIONS OF MOVE TOWARD COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA LIBERALIZATION
AFTER CKS DEATH. SISCO
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